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Claims searched: 1-9

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Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17

Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular reference
X	1 at least	GB1595831 A BOSCH - see figs - embedded metal fibre grid
A		US4000430 A BELY
A		GB1150133 A SIGRI
A		JP56028482 A FUJI

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The following online and other databases have been used in the preparation of this search report

ONLINE: WPI, EPODOC, JAPIO



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Novelty

1. The invention as defined in claim 1,4 at least is not new because it has already been disclosed in the following document:

GB1595831A BOSCH

In respect of the above it would appear that a mesh structure of copper fibres is present in the brush composition.

Inventive step/Plurality

2. It is not clear that method of claim 6-8 at least sets properly sets out an inventive step since the skilled man would clearly be aware of using pressure to laminate components together (the subsequent claims appear to be standard features of lamination methods) as an option to simple embedding.

3. Furthermore, since, as presently drafted the method is not specifically limited to only making the brush of the earlier claims (and thus would cover many lamination processes) and as claims 1-4 requires the mesh to be embedded (which perhaps not quite the same as laminating), a question of whether this claim relates to the same invention as claim 1 arises.

4. Revision in the claims and as appropriate in the description appears necessary so that the true scope of the invention can be ascertained and a further search may be needed in respect of the method claims.

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